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News

VU4N, ANDAMAN ISLANDS –update December 20

'The 5th radio is up and running now after some cabling and soldering work. But during the daytime there are not that many bands open. I tried 6m. It was received by a JA station at -8db PSK spotter. But there was no one active. The antenna was turned to VK/ZL briefly and then later to EU. After no QSO's, 6m was shutdown.

The AC in the room went out today. After a lot of badgering, they are working on it. The equipment temperature is rising, especially the solid state amps. So watching it carefully. There is some breeze coming in from the ocean. So that helps with some cross draft.

I am hoping to get out and work on the 60m vertical, but since the door to the room is ajar for ventilation, cannot leave as yet.

I also have a small AM radio. So will try to start troubleshooting today for the source of the QRN.'

603T Somalia –update December 20

A full news release regarding this newly mentioned DXpedition to northern Somalia (Somaliland) will be issued soon. What is known is that the DXpedition will take place in early 2024 with up to six stations QRV covering 160-6m in a location with plenty of space for antennas. A website detailing plans and team is coming soon. All main modes will be used.

T32TT Eastern Kiribati –update

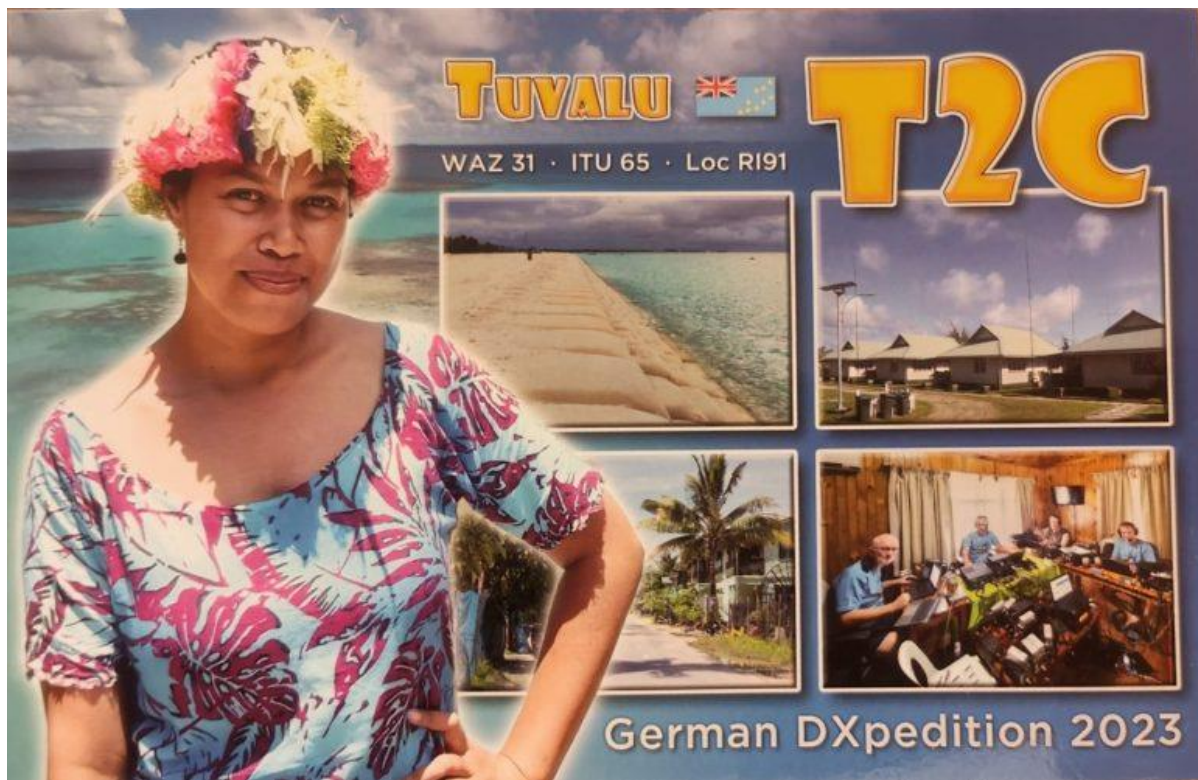
Approaching 120K QSOs, T32TT has extended their stay until January 12th after receiving permission from the land owners to keep antennas up. Basically 3 weeks more activity. Most of today (December 18th) a power cut affected the island so they were off air much longer than anticipated. Some SSB took place recently!

XW4DX Laos –update

Most log corrections have been done and emails replied. There was a large number of emails asking why we do not upload their QSO on LoTW despite they order and pay the QSL direct via OQRS. It seems now becoming a bad habit recently to have DXpeditions or QSL managers to request to pay to get the fast LoTW upload, and we believe the upload of the log to LoTW should remain a free service, same as the Bureau QSL. Nowhere in our communications we mentioned something related to fast LoTW upload. Our complete log will be upload to LoTW in a week or so, since most log corrections are now done and there is no reason to hold this any longer. QSL will be printed in January and expected to be send out during first part of 2024.

T2C Tuvalu –update

The T2C team wishes everyone in the DX world a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Our QSL manager does hard work. So far, he has received over 4000 direct inquiries and has already sent over 1200 letters to date. All direct applicants receive a quick LoTW confirmation. Direct shipping continues, bureau QSLs will follow in a few months. The full log will be uploaded to LoTW in April 2024, 6 months after the end of the DXpedition. And.. where do we go next?



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This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Ivan, IK3ZAQ and Luca IV3JVJ are QRV as 3B9AT between December 27 and January 6, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.

3W, VIETNAM Look for K7IL (as 3W9IL), JR3LSV (as 3W9LSV), JH3TXR (as 3W9TXR), JA3Yaq (as 3W9Yaq), JN3JBC (as XV9KL) and JA6FWJ (as XV9HS) will be active from Hanoi, Vietnam during December 21-30. QRV from 80 to 6 meter using SSB / CW / RTTY / FT8 in 'holiday-style'. Refer to QRZ.com for individual QSL info. ja3yaq.ampr.org/~jf3plf/xv/xv2023

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30, 2024. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

5R, MADAGASCAR Moise, F4EZG is operating as 5R8VE until early January 2024. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

9N, NEPAL Robert, 9N7AA has rented a bungalow over the winter period. It is located "at the edge of Kathmandu valley but much higher, with a clear shot from 270-90 degrees, and far enough not to suffer from the crazy man made noise I have in Kathmandu". He will be there on 8 December for two nights and then during "selected weekends" until the end of February.
<https://www.qrz.com/db/9N7AA>

C9, MOZAMBIQUE Eddy, OE3SEU is operating as C9SEU/P during December. Activity on QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW.

D4, CAPE VERDE Markus, OE3MCS is operating in 'holiday-style' from Sal Island as D44MCS until December 22. Activity on HF using CW, SSB with possible FT8 and RTTY. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Jean-Louis, F2NHJ is once again active as FK/call until early 2024. Operation from the main islands with some side trips. QSL via LoTW or Club Log.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until March 21, 2024. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.

HS, THAILAND Brad, VK2BY is once again active as HS0ZNR until January 14, 2024. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call direct, LoTW.

J8, ST VINCENT Gert, PA2LO will once again be QRV as J8TT between December 26 and January 5. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Edmondo, VA3ITA will be active in 'holiday-style' as PJ7/call from December 24 until December 31. Active with 100w using a vertical/dipole. QSL via LoTW only.

T32, CHRISTMAS ISL The Rebel DX Group is active as T32TT from Kiritimati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati until January 12. Plans are to operate 90% digital Modes, plus CW and SSB, on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

TR, GABON Look for Roland, F8EN (96 years old) to again be active from Libreville, Gabon as TR8CR starting at the end of December and running through to the end of February 2024. QRV on 30-10, CW. QSL via F6AJA.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April 2024. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included.

VU4, ANDAMAN ISLANDS Krish, W4VKU is once again active as VU4N until December 26. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, OQRS, LoTW.



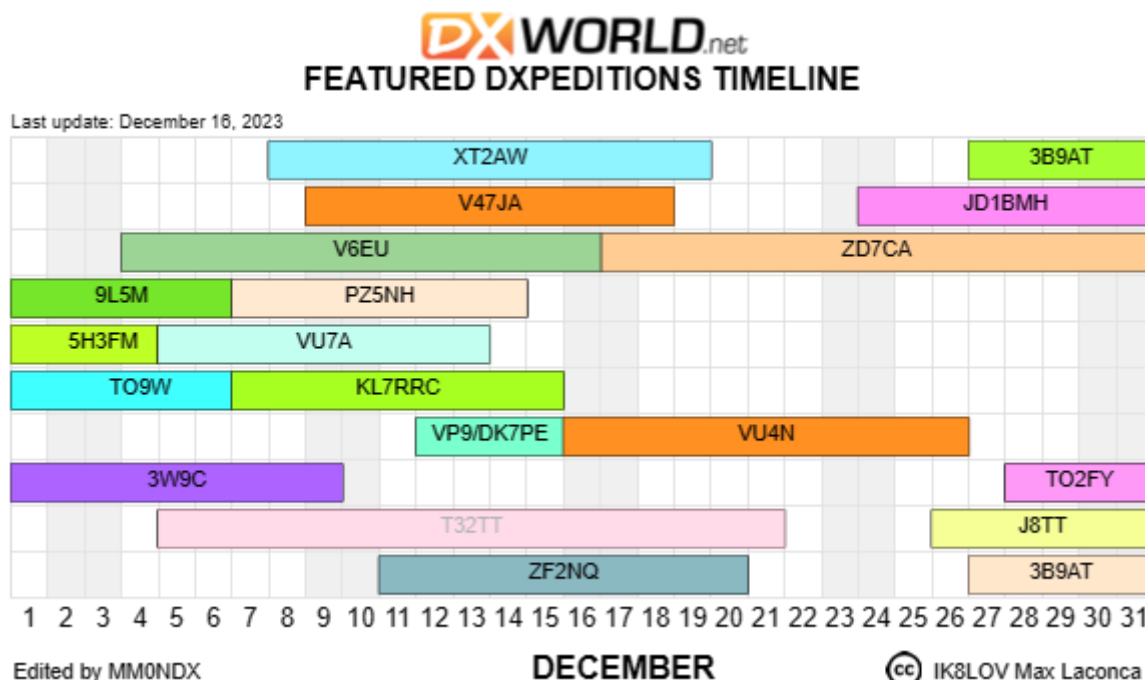
ZD7, ST HELENA Chris HB9FIY will once again be active as ZD7CA for a few weeks in December 2023 / January 2024. He asks what are the most wanted bands /modes from ZD7. QSL via EA5GL.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Stan, K5GO is once again operating as ZF9CW for 3.5 months. Operation mainly on CW and entries in various contests.

Coming up soon

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Pierre, F4GPK will be active from Kourou between December 29 and January 16, 2024. Operation in 'holiday-style' as TO2FY on HF using SSB only. QSL via EQSL.
V5, NAMIBIA Eric, F5LCX will be active as V5/call between December 28 and January 11. Operation in 'holiday-style' mobile and fixed for a few hours a day. QSL via LoTW.

DXCC timeline



ANTARCTIC BASES

Davis Base From December 2023 to November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

Neumayer Station III Felix, DL5XL will be returning to Neumayer III Station, Antarctica at the end of January 2024 and QRV as DP1POL when time permits until early March. He operates mainly CW on HF bands, with some digimode and SSB activity too. QSL via DL1ZBO.

Progress Station Look for Igor, RI1ANE (ex-RA0BB) to be active from Progress Station, Larsemann Hills, Antarctica when time permits. He is stationed there until May 2025. QSL via RQ8K.

Vernadsky Research Base Serhiy, UW5EHR is now active as **EM1U** from Vernadsky Research Base, Antarctica. Briefly he was QRV as **VP8/UW5EHR**, but now uses the correct callsign.

IOTA

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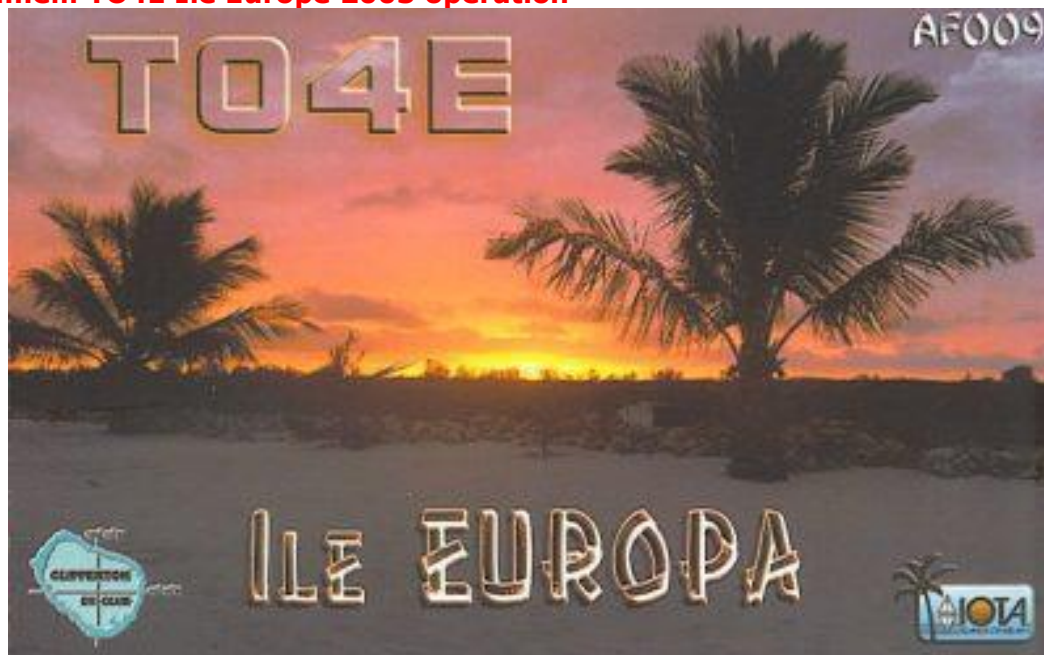
NORTH AMERICA

NA-111 Long Beach Isl Matt, AF2F will often be QRV as AF2F/2 during December. No specific dates or hours but during his spare time. Prefer 10-12 meter using CW but other bands on FT8 might be possible. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until end January 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digi.

Back in time... T04E Ile Europe 2003 operation



Coming up soon

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl Alex, K6VHF will once again be operating as call/HR9 between January 3-10, 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will again be active as P44W during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 17-18, 2024). QRV as SOAB. Before the contest, he will operate some CW on all bands as time permits; emphasis on WARC bands. QSL via LoTW and N2MM.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Gary, KC9EE will again be active as PJ7EE during February 21 to March 6, 2024. QRV in 'holiday-style' primarily on CW using a K3 and various wire antennas. Participation in the ARRL DX SSB contest.

V3, BELIZE Uwe, DL8UD will once again be operating as V31KO / V3O between February 15 and March 6, 2024. An entry in the ARRL CW contest and CQWW 160 meter contest is included. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Roger, G3YBO will be active for one day on January 28, 2024. Kit, GM4EMX explains more: *'Roger's plan is to pick up the cruise-ship in Lima, Peru and sail to Easter Island and then onto Pitcairn. He has a licence to operate as VP6/G3YBO from the shack of VP6MW. Meralda has been very helpful with information on getting the licence from New Zealand. The date will be 28th January 2024 from 1800z onwards, but is also weather / seas dependent for a landing on that day. VP6/G3YBO will run SSB only at this stage, though Roger is an excellent CW operator. Bands will be 17m-10m using an FT-891 (100w) to a 33ft vertical.'*

THE REMINDERS

3D2AD, 5W8A and ZK3M tour

Hrane YT1AD and team will be active from Fiji (**3D2AD**), Samoa (**5W8A**) and Tokelau (**ZK3M** or **ZK3A**) during February 7 to March 1, 2024. The main target is Tokelau with activity period of February 15-25, 2024.

The team is currently YT1AD, YT3M, K1LZ, K3JO (YT3WW), YU3AA, R7KW, VK3FY, LU9ESD, RC9O with his wife UA9OYL. 3-4 ops may be able to join the team, contact YT1AD for info.

More info coming soon.

3B8, MAURITIUS David, OK6DJ will be operating as 3B8/call between February 20 and February

27, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and FT8 using a vertical and dipole antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

5H, TANZANIA Nobby, G0VJG will be operating as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar between March 8-20, 2024. Operation on HF using mainly SSB and FT8. An entry in the BERU contest is included. QSL via M0OXO.

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

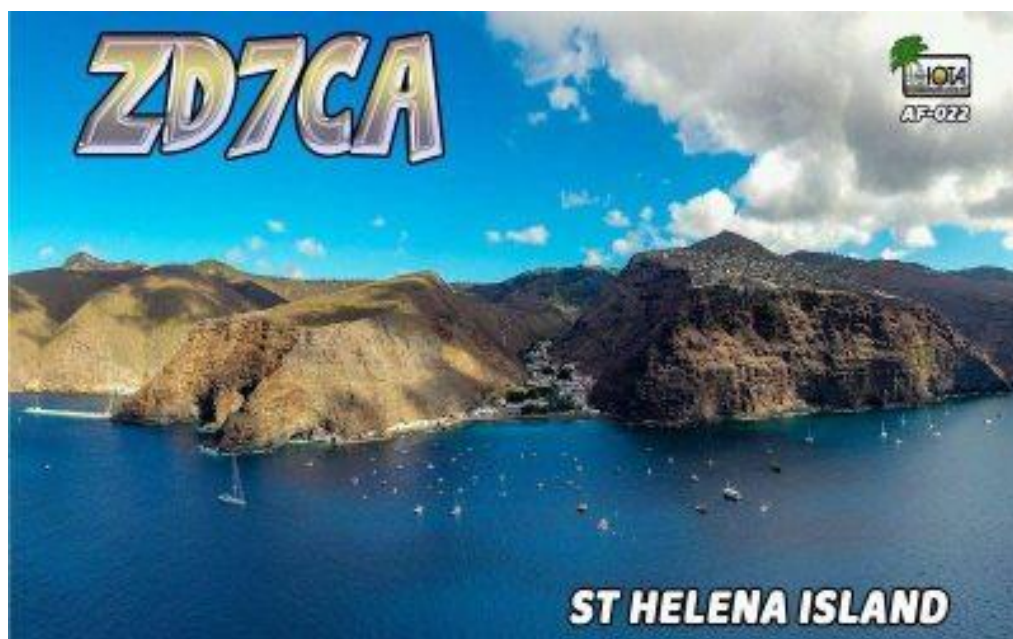
5X, UGANDA Thomas, DL7BO will be active as 5X7O from Kampala. Dates not yet known. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DJ6TF. More to follow.

7O, YEMEN Vlad OK2WX will be active from Socotra island AF-028 as 7O2WX during January 25 to February 12, 2024. Focus on low bands (160, 80 and 40m). A log will be available online. Participation in the CQ 160m DX Contest CW. QSL via IZ8CCW.

7P, LESOTHO The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI during March 19-30, 2024. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO. More to follow.

8R, GUYANA "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana during February 14-24, 2024 (callsign TBA). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip". <https://8r-2024.com/>

9U, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.



CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ A team with Nick XQ1KZ, Pablo CE1KV, Willy XQ3SA, Willy XQ3SK, Mike AB5EB, Ez HI3R, Otis NP4G, Mike AD5A, Zoli HA1AG, Trey N5KO and Marco CE1EW (Team Leader) will be operating as CB0ZA during February 13-20, 2024. Plans are to be QRV from the Juan Fernandez National Park CA-0022 from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, digi and EME (6 and 2 meter). QSL via HA1AG. <http://cb0za.com/>

CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

ET, ETHIOPIA Bob, W9XY informs DX-WORLD that he and Ken, K4ZW will be returning to Ethiopia and QRV as ET3AA on various bands and modes during January 12-20, 2024. Updates to follow during their next stay. ET3AA QSL via N200.

FH, MAYOTTE Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 29-31, April 5-7, April 12-14 and April 20-21, 2024. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

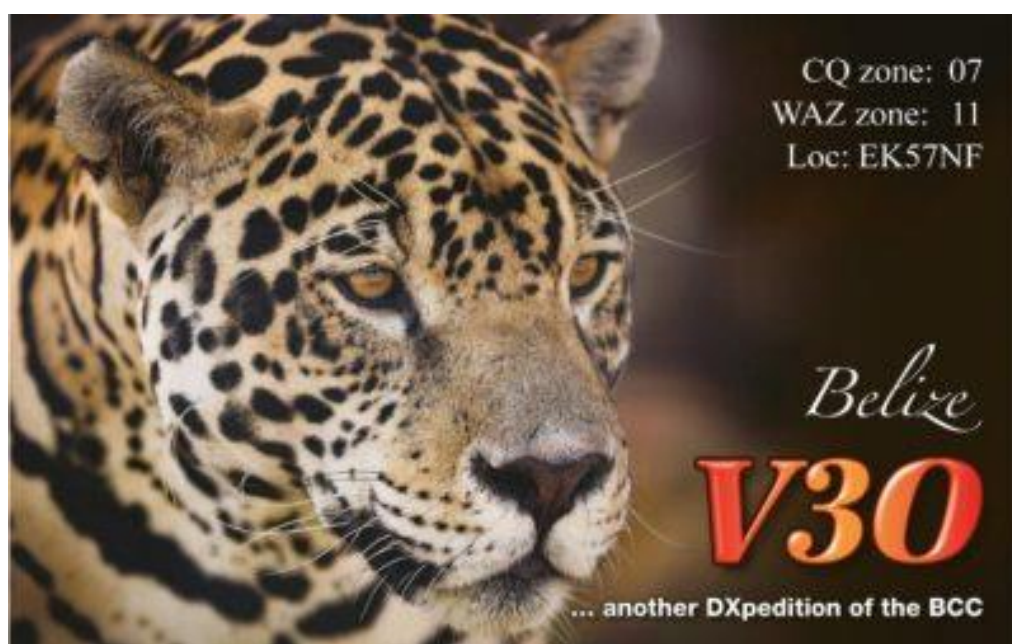
FOO, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 25 and April 3, 2024. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

<https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/>

FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <https://clip.pdxg.net/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16, 2024. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

FT/G GLORIOSO ISL Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.



FT/X, KERGUELEN It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..

H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next Dxpediton to Temotu Province as H40WA between February 22 and March 7, 2024. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://intrepid-dx.com/h40wa/>

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village during early February until end April 2024. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

J3, GRENADA A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA, Marc ON6CC, Pascal ONRA, Patrick ON4HIL and Karel ON5TN will be QRV during March 4-16, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. More to follow.

J7, DOMINICA Laurent, FM5BH will once again be QRV as J79BH between January 17 and January 24. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log. At the same time, David F8AAN will be joining Laurent as J79AN. QSL via Club Log.

J8, ST VINCENT Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKI between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

Below is a picture from a previous operation.

JD1, OGASAWARA Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3, 2024. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take JG8NQJ/JD1 will again be active from Minami Torishima starting mid-January 2024 and lasting for 3 months. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare

time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4MM will be QRV as P4/call and as P40AA during the CQ160 CW contest between January 19 and January 31, 2024. Operation besides the contest from 160 to 10 meter using CW, FT4/8, SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON will again be operating as PJ2/call from March 11 until March 27, 2024. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DK5ON direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA between March 2 and March 10, 2024. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI A German team will be active between March 13 and March 26, 2024. Operation 24/7 with 3 stations. More to follow.

T8, PALAU A JA team with JH6WDG (as T88AQ), JA6KYU (as T88HS), JR6DRH (as T88RH) and JA6EGL (as T88SM) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during January 12-18, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via operators instructions.



TY, BENIN Gerard F5NVF, Abdel 7X2TT and Luc F5RAV will be active as TY5C from Cotonou during March 2024. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. They are looking for support for the local radio club TY0HQ.

V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS Jeff, K1ZN (author of Nifty E-Z Guide to Adventures in DXing) will be active as V4/call during February 25 and March 4. Operation on various bands. QSL via home call.

V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS Bob, N4RF will once again be active as V4/call between January 11 and January 25, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct, OQRS or LoTW.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT Thaire, W2APF will once again be active as VP2MDX between January 11 and April 11, 2024. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP9, BERMUDA Darrell, AB2E will once again be QRV as call/VP9 between February 14-19, 2024. Operation primarily in the ARRL DX CW contest. Before and after that from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU Takio JH3QFL and Mamoru JH3VAA will be operating as YJ0AA and YJ0MN between February 4-11, 2024. Operation on HF using mainly FT8 and Green Cube satellite. QSL via JH3QFL for paper cards or LoTW.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is

CW. QSL via home call.

ZD7, ST HELENA Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as ZD7Z during January 16 to February 4, 2024. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, CW, DIGI using IC-7300, Hexbeam, vertical and Inverted-L. QSL via IK2DUW, Club Log OQRS - Livestream.

ZD7, ST HELENA Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD7W during mid-February. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest (Feb 17-18). QSL via home call.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30, 2024.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISL A team consisting ZL1CAP, ZL1LDP, ZL1OV and ZL3SSB will be active from the Chatham Islands as ZL7D during January 20-27, 2024. QRV on HF bands using Hexbeams and amps. QSL via EA3FLW.

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

OCEANIA

OC-022 Bali Emmanuel, F5LIT will again be active from Bali, OC-022 during January 22-30, 2024 as YB9/F5LIT. QRV on HF. QSL via home call direct, LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-107 Samet Isl E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

AS-153 Sagar Isl A team from the West Bengal Radio Club will be operating as AT42GSM between January 9-16, 2024. Operation on HF. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/AT24GSM>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-079 Dry Tortugas Isl Look for N4T and W3NY during February 23-26, 2024. Operation from 80 to 2 meter using SSB and perhaps Satellite. In addition to POTA, the park is also a contact for Islands on the Air (IOTA) & (USI) and Lighthouses on the Air (ARLHS). Our plans are to activate both Garden Key as well as the Lighthouse on Loggerhead Key.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

DL, GERMANY The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK, DC100FK, DD100FK, DF100FK, DL100FK, DM100FK, DQ100FK, DR100FK, DM100MW, and DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see:

<https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Michel, F8GGZ will be active as **TM100GE** on 22-31 December. QSL via the bureau. The special call sign memorializes the 100th anniversary since the death of Gustave Eiffel (27 December 1923), the French civil engineer best known for the world-famous Eiffel Tower, built for the 1889 Universal Exposition in Paris, and his contribution to building the Statue of Liberty in New York. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC The radio club OK1KVK celebrates its 70th anniversary with the call sign **OL70KVK**. QSL via OK6RP. (TNX DXNL)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC OL300SANTINI honours the memory of Jan Blazej Santini-Aichl, a Bohemian architect, until the end of the year. QSL via OK2APY (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

ON, BELGIUM UBA Section Bruxelles-Est (ON5UB) will be active as **OR79NUTS** on 16-17 December to commemorate the 79th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. The suffix of the special call sign is General Anthony C. McAuliffe's famous single-word reply in response to a surrender ultimatum. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS PA23XMAS, PH23XMAS, and PD23SANTA are currently active. PD24HNY stays on the air until the end of January. See also: <https://www.qrz.com/db/PA23XMAS> (TNX DXNL)

SV, GREECE SZ65RAAG is the special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Greece to celebrate its 65th anniversary on 16-31 December. The RAAG has been a IARU member society since 1959. Look for activity on all bands SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW. Four certificates will be available, see <https://sv2rck.gr/SZ65RAAG/> for information. (TNX 425DX)

UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R120RAEM, R120A, R120D, R120I, R120K, R120M, R120N, R120R, R120S, R120T, R120W** and **R120X** will be active on 15-25 December, particularly on 24 December for the annual RAEM Contest (<https://raem.srr.ru/rules/>). The special callsigns celebrate the 120th anniversary since the birth Ernst T. Krenkel (1903-1971), the legendary Arctic explorer and radioman (callsign RAEM) on various polar stations and on the first drifting ice station North Pole-1. See <https://hamlog.online/club/srr/997/> for the certificate. (TNX 425DX)



THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA 9A66AA is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL110RG** from 1 September to 31 December for the 100th anniversary of the German Life Saving Association (Deutsche Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft, the largest voluntary water rescue organization in the world), and as DL75BRD from 1 September to 30 June 2024 for the 75th anniversary since the Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany (Grundgesetz fuer die Bundesrepublik Deutschland) came into effect (23 May 1949). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, members of Radio Club Liria (EA5RCL) will be active as **EH5XMAS** from 7 December to 7 January. QSL via the bureau to EA5RCL, LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE The Radio Club de Wingles (F4KLR) will be active as **TM125ED** between 4 November

and 31 December. The special callsign commemorates the 125th anniversary since radio pioneer Eugene Ducretet gave a public demonstration of wireless communication between the Eiffel Tower and the Pantheon 4 km away (5 November 1898). All CW and SSB QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL, FT8 QSOs will be confirmed via eQSL only; direct cards via F4KLR. (TNX 425DX)

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HB9, SWITZERLAND HB8DELOY is the special callsign for members of the Swiss Air Force Museum's Radio Club (HB4FR) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic amateur two-way contact between Leon Deloy, F8AB and Fred Schnell, 1MO (28 November 1923). Look for activity from 1 November to 31 December. QSL via HB9ACA (bureau preferred). (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

December: II4CDV; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)
For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

LA, NORWAY LA100K is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

LX, LUXEMBOURG LX90RTL is a special callsign celebrating the 90th anniversary since Radio Luxembourg made its first long wave broadcast. It will be used by various LX operators from 1 July until the end of the year. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via satellite. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL on a regular basis. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ600PA** (December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at

<https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA OE40XTU is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

OH, FINLAND Once again Santa Radio, **OF9X** (Old Father Nine Xmas) will be active on 11-31 December on all amateur radio bands CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OH2BH. The activity is organized by Radio Club of Pusula (OH9W) and Radio Arcala (OH8X). The operating team includes Timo OH1NX, Raimo OH2BCI, Martti OH2BH, Niko OH2GEK, Arto OH2KW, Erik OH2LAK, Pekka OH2TA, Pauli OH5BQ, Anne OH2YL, Jukka OH2MA, Jorma OH2KI, Jyri OH2KM, Juha OH2LQ, Henri OH3JR, Risto OH3UU, Tapani OH5BM, Alex OH5UY/UT5UY, Veijo OH6KN, Mika OH6NVC and Esa OH8KTN. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <https://hamlog.online/club/rc/713> (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log. <https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LOTW, Club Log and e-qs.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Look for **PC100II** to be active throughout December to celebrate the centenary of the third 2-way contact between Europe and America conducted by Henk Jesse, PCII in the Netherlands and 2AGB in the US during the night of 26-27 December 1923. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via PA1AW. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns **PA23XMAS** and **PD23SANTA** will be active on 1-31 December, while **PD24HNY** will be QRV until 31 January. QSL cards will not be issued. (TNX 425DX)

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PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85th anniversary with the callsign PA85TP during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ (pd5enj@msn.com). (TNX DXNL)

S5, SLOVENIA Special event station **S524PMC** will be active from 8 December to 8 January 2024 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest,

promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 6-7 January. Complete information can be found on <https://www.s59dcd.si/index.php/sl/>. (TNX 425DX)

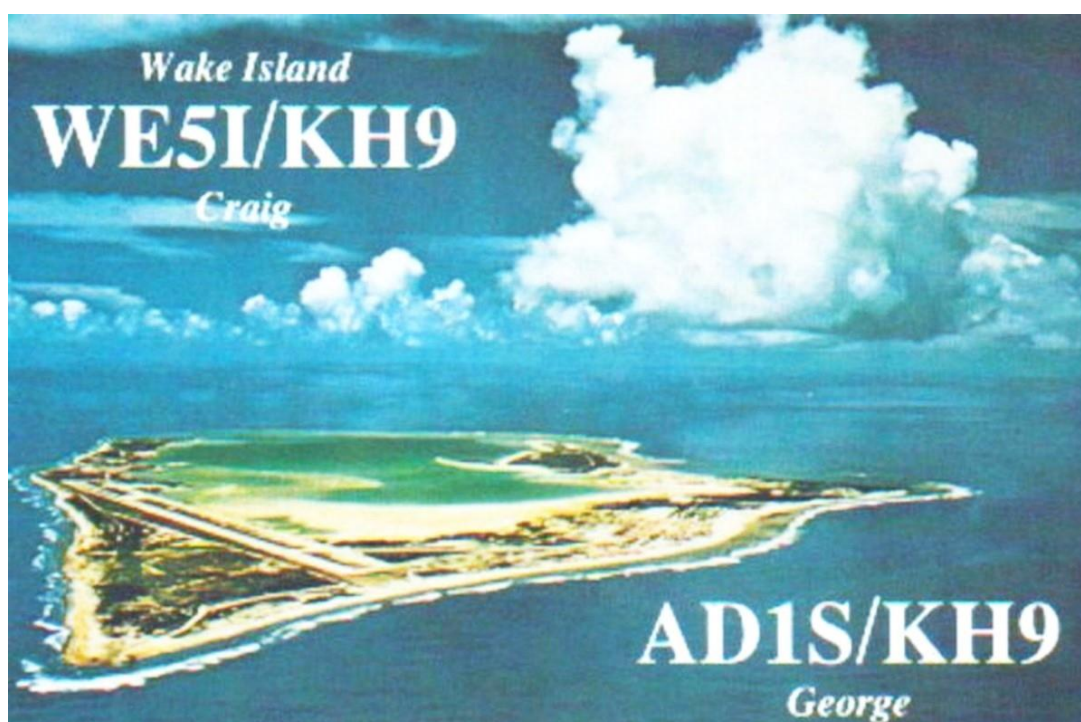
SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND SN15AXI honours the memory of Janek Bonikowski, SP3AXI, a scout leader and amateur radio elmer, who died in 2008. QRV until the end of January 2024. QSL via bureau or eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

TA, TURKEY Celebrating the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100, TC100TA, TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VK100ZL celebrates the first trans-Tasmanian radio contact between New Zealand and Australia in 1923. QRV until the end of 2023.

VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)



VK, AUSTRALIA "Amateur Radio", the official journal of the Wireless Institute of Australia, will reach 90 years of continuous publication in October. To mark this milestone, the WIA has obtained the special event call sign **VK90AR** for use until 31 December by any member of the WIA as well as any affiliated club. QSL via LoTW and M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI175G is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI10VKFF is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (<https://www.wwffaustalia.com/>). It will be used from Australian Parks until end 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via VK5PAS (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VP8, FAKLAND ISL Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Falkland Islands Government Aviation Service, special event station **VP8FLY** will be active from the north east end of Stanley airport, Falkland Islands (SA- 002) during the month of December, and especially on 19 December. QSL direct to VP8LP. (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA Look for **AT30IIH** to be active until 31 December to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Indian Institute of Hams, whose focus is to train and bring young people into the amateur radio community (<https://www.indianhams.com/>). QSL via the bureau or direct, or via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The Serbian Amateur Radio Union in the Vojvodina celebrates its 75th anniversary with the callsign **YU75SRV** throughout 2023. QSL via Club Log, eQSL, qrz.com.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)
<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>

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